

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No

PCT/US2004/023498

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 A61K31/7084 A61P1/12 A61P31/04 A61P31/02

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 A61K

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the International search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, BIOSIS, EMBASE, WPI Data, PAJ

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
P,A	<p>RASHID MOHAMMED H ET AL: "Identification of genes involved in the switch between the smooth and rugose phenotypes of <i>Vibrio cholerae</i>."</p> <p>FEMS MICROBIOLOGY LETTERS, vol. 227, no. 1, 6 September 2003 (2003-09-06), pages 113-119, XP002322846</p> <p>ISSN: 0378-1097</p> <p>abstract</p> <p>page 113, right-hand column, paragraph 2</p> <p>page 118, left-hand column, paragraph 2</p> <p>page 118, right-hand column, paragraph 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-/--</p>	1-27

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

☐ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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Box No. I Nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence(s) (Continuation of Item 1.b of the first sheet)

1. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the International application and necessary to the claimed invention, the international search was carried out on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
 - ☒ a sequence listing
 - ☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
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 - ☒ in written format
 - ☒ in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing
 - ☒ contained in the International application as filed
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 - ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purpose of search
2. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
3. Additional comments:

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C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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P,A	JENAL URS: "Cyclic di-guanosine-monophosphate comes of age: a novel secondary messenger involved in modulating cell surface structures in bacteria?" CURRENT OPINION IN MICROBIOLOGY, vol. 7, no. 2, 2 March 2004 (2004-03-02), pages 185-191, XP002322847 ISSN: 1369-5274 cited in the application abstract page 189, right-hand column, last paragraph	1-27
A	----- GALPERIN MICHAEL Y ET AL: "Novel domains of the prokaryotic two-component signal transduction systems" FEMS MICROBIOLOGY LETTERS, vol. 203, no. 1, 11 September 2001 (2001-09-11), pages 11-21, XP002322854 ISSN: 0378-1097 cited in the application abstract table 1 -----	1-27

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Although claims 1-16,20 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
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Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this International application, as follows:

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